

**DISTRICT 13 SCORING METHODOLOGY**  
Natural Resources Assistance Council – Clean Ohio Conservation Program

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rating Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points Awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Total Project Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(106.75 maximum points)  
Project Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ Funding Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PART I: QUALIFICATION SECTION – Required**

YES            NO

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant is eligible entity  
\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_ Complete application received by deadline

**Project purpose must involve at least one of the following from A. or B. below:**

**A. Open Space (Sec. 164.22 A)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Acquires land for parks  
\_\_\_\_\_ Acquires land for public forests  
\_\_\_\_\_ Acquires land for wetland preservation or restoration  
\_\_\_\_\_ Acquires land for natural areas protecting endangered species  
\_\_\_\_\_ Acquires land for other natural areas  
\_\_\_\_\_ Acquires land for connecting corridors for natural areas  
\_\_\_\_\_ Openspace acquisition  
\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent conservation easement  
\_\_\_\_\_ Constructs or enhances facilities necessary to make open space area accessible and useable by the general public

**B. Riparian Corridors or Watersheds (Sec. 164.22 B)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Protects or enhances riparian corridors or watersheds including the protection and enhancement of streams, rivers and other waters of the state.

**C. Would the project:**

YES            NO

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_ Initiate or perpetuate hydromodification projects such as dams, ditch development or channelization?  
\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_ Fund current legal obligations (such as fines, penalties, litigation expenses, mitigation or reclamation) under state or federal laws or local ordinances?  
\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_ Fund facilities other than those required to provide public access to or use of openspace?  
\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_ Fund facilities for active recreation, such as tennis courts, ball fields or recreation centers?

If **Yes** to any of the above in **C**, the project is **ineligible** (Section 164.22, ORC).

**If the project meets Part I: Qualification Section, move on to Part II – Page 2**

**NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY PART II: – Required (52 points maximum)**

**NRACs shall consider all the following in approving or disapproving a grant:** Does the project emphasize (document in application) the following pursuant to Section 164.22 ORC? Two points for each, 52 point maximum. Please refer to Glossary of Terms.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Protects habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Increases habitat protection for a variety of native species
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Reduces or eliminates nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Preserves high quality, viable habitat for plant or animal species
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Restores and preserves aquatic biological communities
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Preserves headwater streams
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Preserves or restores functioning floodplains
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Preserves or restores water quality
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Preserves or restores natural stream channels
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Preserves or restores streamside forests
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Preserves existing high quality wetlands or restores wetlands
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Preserves or restores other natural features that contribute to quality of life and state's natural heritage
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Fee simple acquisition of lands to provide access to riparian corridors
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Acquisition of easements protecting and enhancing riparian corridors or watersheds
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Reforests land to improve water quality
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Plants vegetation for filtration to improve water quality
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design including sensitivity to the terrain, natural resources and heritage of the property
18. \_\_\_\_\_ Enhances educational opportunities and provides physical links to schools and after school centers
19. \_\_\_\_\_ Includes pedestrian/bicycle linkages to other openspace preserves and population centers
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Supports comprehensive openspace planning
21. \_\_\_\_\_ Provides multiple recreational, economic and aesthetic preservation benefits
22. \_\_\_\_\_ Allows proper management of areas where safe fishing, hunting and trapping may take place in a manner that will preserve balanced natural ecosystems
23. \_\_\_\_\_ Enhances economic development that relies on recreation and ecotourism in areas of relatively high unemployment
24. \_\_\_\_\_ One of the above checked items was previously adopted as a priority for NRAC District 13
25. \_\_\_\_\_ A second of the above checked items was previously adopted as a priority for NRAC District 13
26. \_\_\_\_\_ Project is a local priority

\_\_\_\_\_ **PART II SCORE ( Maximum 52 Points)**

**NRAC SCORING METHODOLOGY PART III: – Required (41 points maximum)****NRACs shall consider the following in approving or disapproving a grant:**

1. **Percentage of Clean Ohio matching funds** necessary to complete project (10 pts. max):

\_\_\_\_\_ 75% \_\_\_\_\_ 74-70% \_\_\_\_\_ 69-65% \_\_\_\_\_ 64-60% \_\_\_\_\_ <60%  
 (Required) (3 points) (6 points) (9 points) (10 points)

2. **Level of coordination:** (1 pt. ea.) Coordination means project carries out goals of multiple agencies/organizations (5 pts. max)

\_\_\_\_\_ Local political subdivisions \_\_\_\_\_ State agencies \_\_\_\_\_ Federal agencies  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Community organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation organizations

3. **Level of conservation coordination** with other Openspace, Riparian Corridor, Trails, Farmland Protection or Urban Revitalization projects under the Clean Ohio Fund in other Public Works Commission districts (3 pts. max):

\_\_\_\_\_ Is a joint project (2 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Carries out an adopted community, watershed or other plan overlapping another district (1 point)

4. **Community benefits:** Relative economic, social/recreational and environmental benefits the proposed project will bring to the geographical area represented by the NRAC as compared to other projects (3 pts. max):

\_\_\_\_\_ Economic \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Recreational \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental  
 (1 point) (1 point) (1 point)

5. **Extent of public access** once project is completed (5 pts. max):

\_\_\_\_\_ Open days and weekends (5 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Open limited, but regular hours (3 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Open by appointment or with written permission (1 point)

6. **Operation and Maintenance** once project is completed (5 pts. max):

\_\_\_\_\_ Operation plan and infrastructure, if appropriate, in place (5 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Operation plan, no infrastructure (3 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Limited operation plan, volunteers available, no infrastructure (1 point)

7. **Project Management Experience** of similar or related projects (5 pts. max):

\_\_\_\_\_ Successfully completed 3-5 similar projects in the last 10 years (5 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Successfully completed 1-2 similar projects in the last 5 years (3 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ Has partnered on at least one similar project in the last 5 years (1 point)

8. **Clean Ohio funding** necessary to complete project: (1 point each) (5 pts. max):

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost effective for a project of its acreage or its length in stream miles

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost effective for a project of its rarity

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost effectively links permanently preserved areas

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost effectively preserves large blocks of high quality natural areas

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost effectively protects or enhances riparian corridor

**Part III SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_ + **Part II SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_ = **Parts II & III SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (max. 41 pts.) (max. 52 pts.) (max. 93 pts.)

